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### DECISION MEMO ACTIONS OF A SPECIAL NATURE

Sage 4 Success  
February 2022  
Sage 4 Success  
Administrative  
Helena, MT  
Lewis and Clark County

#### PURPOSE AND NEED

The DNRC CARDD Division proposes to contract Sage 4 Success to facilitate the Conservation District Bureau (CDB) in developing a five-year strategic and 2022 operational plan that supports conservation districts and distinguishes roles and responsibilities between the CDB and the Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD). In addition, Sage 4 Success will also help develop an education and communication management plan.

#### Explanation of the decision(s) that must be made regarding the proposed action (i.e. approve grant or loan and provide funding):

DNRC will approve the grant to provide funding for the Sage 4 Success project.

DNRC is not required to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for actions that qualify for a CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (ARM 36.17.614) or justified by a PROGRAMMATIC REVIEW; or are ACTIONS OF A SPECIAL NATURE (ARM 36.2.523(5)); or are EMERGENCIES (ARM 36.2.539). These actions are subject to review for EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES that would require an EA or an EIS.

#### ACTIONS OF SPECIAL NATURE (ARM 36.2.523)

☒ Administrative actions: routine, clerical or similar functions of a department, including but not limited to administrative procurement, contracts for consulting services, and personnel actions.

☐ Minor repairs, operations, or maintenance of existing equipment or facilities.

☐ Investigation and enforcement: data collection, inspection of facilities or enforcement of environmental standards.

☐ Ministerial actions: actions in which the agency exercises no discretion, but rather acts upon a given state of facts in a prescribed manner.

☐Actions that are primarily social or economic in nature and that do not otherwise affect the human environment.

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION/PROGRAMMATIC REVIEW**

☐Categorical Exclusion (CE) refers to a type of action which does not individually, collectively, or cumulatively require an EA or EIS, as determined by rulemaking or programmatic review adopted by the agency, unless extraordinary circumstances, as defined by rulemaking or programmatic review, occur. This project qualifies under ARM 36.17.614 CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS.

☐Programmatic review means an analysis (EIS or EA) of the impacts on the quality of the human environment of related actions, programs, or policies. DNRC – CARDD does not have any programmatic reviews completed at the time of this template.

The project listed above meets the definition of Actions of a Special Nature, Categorical Exclusion or Programmatic Review including specified conditions and Extraordinary Circumstances.

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